

Weekly Work Memo October 8-12, 2012

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Monday, October 8

1. Columbus Day Holiday

Tuesday, October 9

1. Completed research on Iran Revolutionary Guards (IRGC) Wiki page and sent it to Jim Smith for review. Research focused on scholarly analysis over how strong the IRGC actually is in Iranian domestic politics (3 hours)
2. Started researching NATO future strategy (i.e. Smart Defense) for NATO wiki page using HKS library resources. Set up appointment with librarian to specifically hunt down articles (4 hours)

Wednesday, October 10

1. Continued NATO research. Most articles dealing with NATO's structural problems emanating from Stephen Walt (Harvard), Nick Burns (Harvard), John Mearsheimer (University of Chicago), and Richard Betts (Columbia). Chicago Council on Global Affairs, The Economist, also has invaluable collection of articles (4 hours)
2. Attended Director's Lunch with Michèle Flournoy, Belfer Center Senior Fellow and former Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, in the Belfer Center Library (2 hours)

Thursday, October 11

1. Jim Smith signed off on IRGC Wiki page, thought it was very well done. Went forward and authored/coded my work, all of which can be found under "Scholarly Analysis":
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Army_of_the_Guardians_of_the_Islamic_Revolution#Scholarly_Analysis (4 hours)
2. Attended Director's Lunch with Richard Danzig, Chairman, Center for a New American Security, in the Belfer Center Library (2 hours)

Friday, October 12

1. Began outlining my NATO/Smart Defense Wiki page on MS Word doc (3 hours)
2. Left work early to catch a bus to NYC at 1:3pm this afternoon